(*a*) whether they are aware of the numerous applications for transfer of cases from the file of the Kottar Second Class Magistrate's Court ever since Mr. R. Padmanabha Aiyar became the presiding officer of the said Court : and

(*b*) if so, how many applications were so filed and how many applications were allowed ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 24 transfer applications were received in all by the Additional District Magistrate, Padmanabhapuram, during the period from 19-11-1107 to 21-3-1109.

(*b*) Of the 24 applications filed, 8 were allowed.

Recruitment of Inspectors of Police.

103. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the practice of appointing undergraduate clerks employed in the Police Commissioner's Office as Inspectors was in vogue some time back ; and

(*b*) why that system was discontinued ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The system was discontinued as it worked hardship on deserving Head Constables for promotion and as the clerical staff with no training in the executive branch had no claim for the post of Inspector.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the authorities would reconsider the position of the clerks in the office ?

PRESIDENT : That is asking for opinion. I am afraid it is inadmissible.

Registry of wet lands in Nedumangad taluk.

104. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are not wet lands that lie very near the road included in Peringumala Reserve in the Palode *pakuthi* ;

(*b*) whether there is not a Karikagam (wet land) known as Meeran-Vettiya Karikagam in Peringumala Reserve ;

(*c*) whether it does not lie very near the road ; and

(*d*) whether it was not once improved and cultivated by a Mahomedan called Meeran ?

MR. K. GEORGE ((*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) There is no reserve by name Peringumala Reserve in the Palode *pakuthi*; but there is only the Palode Reserve in that *pakuthi* wherein there are marshy lands near the road which can be converted into paddy lands.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) The answer is in the negative.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether there is any Meeran-Vettiya Karikagam in the Palode reserve ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member why that Karikagam is known as Meeran-Vettiya Karikagam ?

PRESIDENT : Order, order. That question does not arise out of the question on the paper.

Political pensions.

105. ***MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the details of the political pensions paid by the State ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : The time and labour involved do not justify the preparation of the statement required by the member.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : May I know from the member whether there is any list of pensioners maintained in the Account Office ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Is it possible to place a copy before the Assembly ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : It is a very big volume containing over 600 names and it will take a lot of time for transcription.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether any attempt was made to copy out the statement and place it before the House ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : No attempt was made.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Was it found difficult to copy 600 names ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What was the difficulty ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : It was presumed that it would take a lot of time.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : How much time would it take, according to the member, to copy the list of 600 names with the details asked for ?

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